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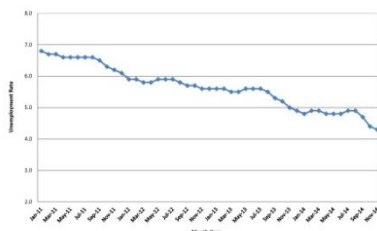
## Jobs Report November 2014

**TOPEKA, Kan.** – The state's November seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 4.3 percent, down from 4.4 percent in October and down from 5 percent in November 2013.

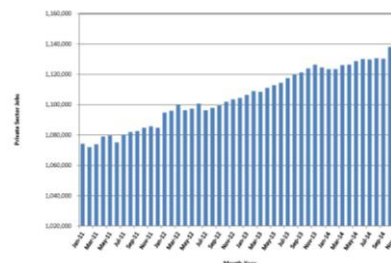
Kansas gained 7,200 seasonally adjusted private sector jobs, an increase of 0.6 percent since last year, and 7,500 nonfarm jobs, a 0.5 percent increase. Since last month, Kansas lost 4,400 seasonally adjusted private sector jobs, or 0.4 percent. The state declined by 4,100 seasonally adjusted total nonfarm jobs, a 0.3 percent decline since last month.

"Kansas showed positive economic signs this month including a decrease in the unemployment rate, which marks a full year under 5 percent unemployment," said Lana Gordon, Secretary of Labor. "In addition, wages showed significant growth since this time last year, furthering the growth seen in past months."

**Unemployment Rate (Seasonally Adjusted)**  
**Kansas**  
January 2011 to November 2014



**Private Sector Jobs (Seasonally Adjusted)**  
**Kansas**  
January 2011 to November 2014



Not seasonally adjusted figures show Kansas gained 7,400 private sector jobs since last year, or 0.7 percent, as well as 7,600 nonfarm jobs, an increase of 0.5 percent. Since October, private sector jobs decreased by 1,400, or 0.1 percent. The state declined by 400 total nonfarm jobs over the month, showing no significant percentage change.

"After a strong October, seasonal hiring in retail trade was slightly slower than expected in November, leading to a seasonally adjusted over the month dip in private sector jobs," said Tyler Tenbrink, Senior Labor Economist. "However, other indicators did improve over the month including increasing hours and earnings, signifying continued demand for labor."

The not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in November was 4 percent, up from 3.7 percent in October and down from 4.5 percent last year.

There were 12,003 initial claims for unemployment benefits in November 2014, up from 11,175 in October and down from 12,914 last year. There were 68,018 continued claims in November, up from 66,959 the previous month and down from 89,654 in November 2013. These numbers include all available programs.

Kansas labor market information for November is available [here](#).

Information on procedures for producing Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) estimates is available on the BLS website [here](#) and procedures for producing Current Employment Statistics (CES) estimates is available on the BLS website [here](#).

PLEASE NOTE: The December Labor Report will be released on Friday, Jan. 23.

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*Audio clips of the Labor Market Report quotes by Lana Gordon, Secretary of Labor and Tyler Tenbrink, Senior Labor Economist are available online courtesy of the Kansas Department of Labor.*

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